THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

Writ Petition No.13950 of 2006

Dated: 17.07.2006

Between:

S.S.R. Sarma, S/o late Venkateswarlu, Conductor, E. 453210, R/o Srikakulam and others.

.... PETITIONERS

AND

The APSRTC, Srikakulam, rep. by its Regional manager and others.

.....RESPONDENTS

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Order:

The petitioners, who are working as Conductors and Drivers in the respondents-Corporation, have filed this writ petition assailing the order dated 01.07.2006, passed by the 2nd respondent, namely the Depot Manager, APSRTC, Srikakulam-II Depot, transferring them from Srikakulam Depot to various places on the ground of long standing. The case of the petitioners is that immediately after they received transfer orders dated 09.04.2006, they made representations dated 24.05.2006 and 25.05.2006 to the respondents-Corporation stating that they are not long standing employees and that the Circular dated 24.02.2006 issued by the Corporation does not apply to them as they do not fall within 5% cadre strength, but so far no orders have been passed by the respondents-Corporation on their representations, and on the other hand, the 2nd respondent, namely Depot Manager, is insisting the petitioners to leave the place by passing the impugned relieving orders dated 01.07.2006. Hence, they filed the present writ petition.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner. In spite of granting sufficient time, learned Standing Counsel for the respondents-Corporation failed to get any instructions in the matter.

Having regard to the fact that the representations dated 24.05.2006 and 25.05.2006 of the petitioners are said to be pending consideration before the respondents-Corporation, without going into the merits or otherwise of the transfer orders, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with the following directions.

The respondents-Corporation shall consider and dispose of the representations dated 24.05.2006 and 25.05.2006 of the petitioners, and

pass appropriate orders thereon in accordance with law. Till such time, *status quo* obtaining as on today shall be maintained and the petitioners shall be kept in the same place, if they are not already relieved.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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N.V. RAMANA, J.

Date: 17.07.2006
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